

Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received on December 18, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5785. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received on December 18, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5786. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received on December 18, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5787. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Indian Tribal Judgment Funds to be distributed to the Mescalero Apache Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5788. A communication from the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft bill relative to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5789. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Education Programs Final Rule" (68 FR 65169) received on January 5, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5790. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft bill entitled the "Judicial Reporting Improvement Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5791. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale by Federal Departments or Agencies of Chemicals Which Could Be Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Controlled Substances" (RIN1117-AA47) received on December 8, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5792. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5793. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, Office of Size Standards, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Facilities Support Services (Including Base Maintenance)" (RIN3245-AF03) received on December 8, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5794. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Government Contracting Programs" (RIN3245-AF07) received on December 8, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5795. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Information

Regulations" (RIN3245-AE94) received on December 8, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5796. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans' Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services 2003 Methodology Changes" (RIN2900-AL06) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5797. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans' Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Charges Used for Recovery from Tortiously Liable Third Parties for Medical Care or Services Provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs" (RIN2900-AL48) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5798. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans' Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice; Use of Supplemental Statement of the Case" (RIN2900-AL42) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5799. A communication from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travel on Behalf of Candidates and Political Committees" received on December 10, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5800. A communication from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travel on Behalf of Candidates and Political Committees" received on December 10, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5801. A communication from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files" (Notice 2003-25) received on December 10, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5802. A communication from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files" (Notice 2003-25) received on December 10, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5803. A communication from the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Government Printing Office for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of December 9, 2003, the following reports of committees were submitted on January 9, 2004:

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 2005. An original bill to temporarily replace the use by pension plans of the 30-year treasury bond rate with a composite corporate rate, and to establish a commission on defined benefit plans (Rept. No. 108-221).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1072. A bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-222).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2006. A bill to extend and expand the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2003, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2007. A bill to provide better protection against bovine spongiform encephalopathy and other prion diseases; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2008. A bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an electronic nationwide livestock identification system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 2009. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to give greater weight to scientific or commercial data that is empirical or has been field-tested or peer-reviewed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM,